

Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 2, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

**ATTENDANCE**

Gregory Ware, Chair    Betty Gosney, Vice Chair    Lynda Gonzalez    Jacqueline Cox

Eric Scott

**ABSENT**

Adrian McDaniel

**OLD BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Council Member Lynda Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Betty Gosney to approve the February minutes. All were in favor and the February minutes were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Marge Mendoza Ware, CJUSD Board Trustee**

Mrs. Mendoza Ware announced that the Colton Joint Unified School District will be having a community meeting on March 3, 2010 at 6:00 pm at Bloomington High School to discuss the District's Master Plan. She stated that they are looking forward to community input.

**B. Presentation on the 2010 Census – Amos Young, U.S. Census Bureau**

Mr. Young reported that the Census is safe, important, and easy. It is safe because constitutionally, the U.S. Census Bureau does not share anyone's information and it is protected by the government. It is important because Federal funding for programs is based on the statistical data they get. It is easy because there are only 10 questions. There are 435 billion dollars on the table every year for the next 10 years and in order to get a fair share of it, residents need to fill out their census forms and get counted. He also brought gift bags with information on the Census to give away to the residents. He said the form will be mailed out next week. Marge Mendoza Ware added that the Census is still hiring and the jobs pay from \$16 to \$18 per hour. She said there is testing involved, but there is also assistance on preparing for the test.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Field Representative – Dan Flores**

Mr. Flores provided flyers for the upcoming CJUSD community meeting scheduled at Bloomington High School. He also announced that on March 13<sup>th</sup> the County will have its annual ARMC Run/ Walk event. It is for the whole family and there will be activities, snacks, fitness demonstrations and healthy cooking demonstrations and of course the 5k walk/run. Next he reported that there will be a series of closures on the 10 FWY and Riverside Ave. starting tonight. He also announced that on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at 10 am at the Board of Supervisor's Meeting, there will be a hearing for the CDBG program to approve funds for the Code Enforcement Community Enhancement Program. He encouraged all to support it and attend. It will be at the County Government Center, Covington Chambers, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave. San Bernardino, 92415.

**B. Sheriff's Department – Lt. Tomlin/Sgt. Finneran**

Lieutenant Tomlin reported that the Sheriff's Dept. is working closely with SANBAG to ensure that law enforcement will be able to provide service to the community during freeway closures. She reported that the Dept. is looking into a series of robbery reports in the area.

**C. County Fire Dept. – Battalion Chief -Ken Munsey**

Chief Munsey stated that since there has been a lot of rain the grass and weeds will grow and it can become a fire hazard. He wanted to encourage residents to maintain grass and weeds as we are entering spring and summer.

**D. Special Districts- Tim Millington**

Mr. Millington reported that the photo cell for Bloomington Little League has been installed to help them save up 75%. Also he announced that the Ayala Park playground renovation has been delayed by a few weeks. He also reported that the County has applied for a state grant to renovate Kessler Park. They are also going to receive a CDBG grant to renovate the parking lot on Jurupa Ave. by Kessler Park for the maintenance building and they will also do some roadway improvements.

**ITEM S FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Dan Flores announced that he would like to have staff from the Transportation Dept. give a Presentation on the Slover Ave. Widening Project. He also will try to have someone out from CERT to give a presentation on safety and earthquake preparedness. Council Member Lynda Gonzalez asked about the plans of installing a median on Slover Ave. She received a notice for it and she would like to have the opportunity to give her input.

**MEMBER REPORTS**

Jacqueline Cox –No report

Betty Gosney – Council Member Gosney stated that she went to the kick off for the overpass on Riverside Ave. at Hometown Buffet and there were a lot of big names and a lot of people as well as a lot of respect from the people of Rialto for the residents of Bloomington.

Lynda Gonzalez – Council Member Gonzalez thanked Tim Millington for helping Little League with the lighting situation. She also thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stressed the importance of filling out the Census forms so that they get as much federal funds as possible.

Eric Scott- Council Member Scott stated that he received an earthquake from his father who had left Santiago Chile about 8 hours before it happened. He said it really brought home the issue of being prepared for a disaster. He stated that the CERT people can come out as often as we want but what they need is volunteer and people to step up and say that they are willing to help organize the community to be prepared. He is willing to be a point of contact for the MAC for CERT. He also encouraged everyone to attend the Board of Supervisor's meeting and support Code Enforcement in their effort to become a proactive Code Enforcement.

Greg Ware – Chairman Ware stated that CERT stands for Citizens Emergency Response Team. They train citizens to be able to deal with light search and rescue and first aid. He asked the residents to please take it seriously as the MAC is willing to be a team with the residents and they want to prepare for an emergency.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### Jesse Valenzuela – Office of Congressman Joe Baca

Mr. Valenzuela announced that on February 26<sup>th</sup>, the Congressman recognized 50 African-American high school students in honor of Black History Month. Also, on March 26, 2010, Congressman Baca will host the Annual Education Summit and the theme is, "Race to the Top: Getting from here to There". It's open to the public and will be held at the Obershaw Dining Room from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at Cal State San Bernardino. Lastly, they are getting ready for the Annual Congressional Art Competition. Letters will be going out to high school students inviting them to enter their art work. The winning art piece will end up in the Cannon Tunnel near the Capitol Rotunda in Washington DC. Finally, he thanked Mr. Amos Young for doing a good job on giving information about the Census.

### Alexia King

Ms. King stated that she is less than enthused about the proposed proactive Code Enforcement program. She doesn't like the idea of Code Enforcement going door to door. She feels that everyone has violations, but if they don't bother anyone enough for them to call and complain, then they should leave each other alone. She likes living in the country and she said that if someone has a problem with her they should talk to her and if she has a problem with someone she will talk to them. She doesn't feel that the other big problems should go unaddressed while they go around door to door looking for violations.

### Mr. Frank Zamora

Mr. Zamora stated that he has a complaint with the Fontana Police Dept. He stated that they are parked at the corner of Locust and Santa Ana and he said that Bloomington does not get any money from those tickets. Lieutenant Tomlin stated that she will talk to Fontana PD and find out what motivated them to do this. It may have been at the request of CHP. She will find out and report on it at the next MAC meeting.

### Dave Jayne

Mr. Jayne stated that Dan Flores has a team of 50-100 workers that are willing to work and all he needs to do is call him, especially the elderly. He also reported that the previous weekend they had a horse show and they had 28 riders and thanked everyone for showing up and announced that on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> they will have a trails from 9 am to the evening.

### Eric Davenport

Mr. Davenport said that he has seen the Fontana PD pull people over but he also saw that they deserved to get cited. He also wanted to clarify that it does not good to talk about CERT if nobody is going to actually prepare. He stressed that the residents need to be proactive and have the earthquake kit ready and know how to use it. In light of what has happened recently around the world with earthquakes, people need to get prepared because it will happen, we just don't know when.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by Aurora Hernandez, MAC Secretary: (909) 387-3064